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INTEGRATED CIRCUIT DEVICE

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**SUBMISSION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114
(AMENDMENT)**

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therefor, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims presently in the application as follows:

20. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a semiconductor integrated circuit device, comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a silicon wafer covered with an insulating film whose main surface is mainly formed of silicon oxide;

(b) cleaning the surface of said silicon wafer covered with said insulating film whose main surface is mainly formed of silicon oxide, using a processing

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